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LATE ITEM

Cambodia: Sirik Matak told US Embassy officials today that he has succeeded in forming a new government and that he expects no difficulty in obtaining National Assembly approval. Matak appeared confident and in high spirits and expects to present the cabinet to the Assembly on 7 May.

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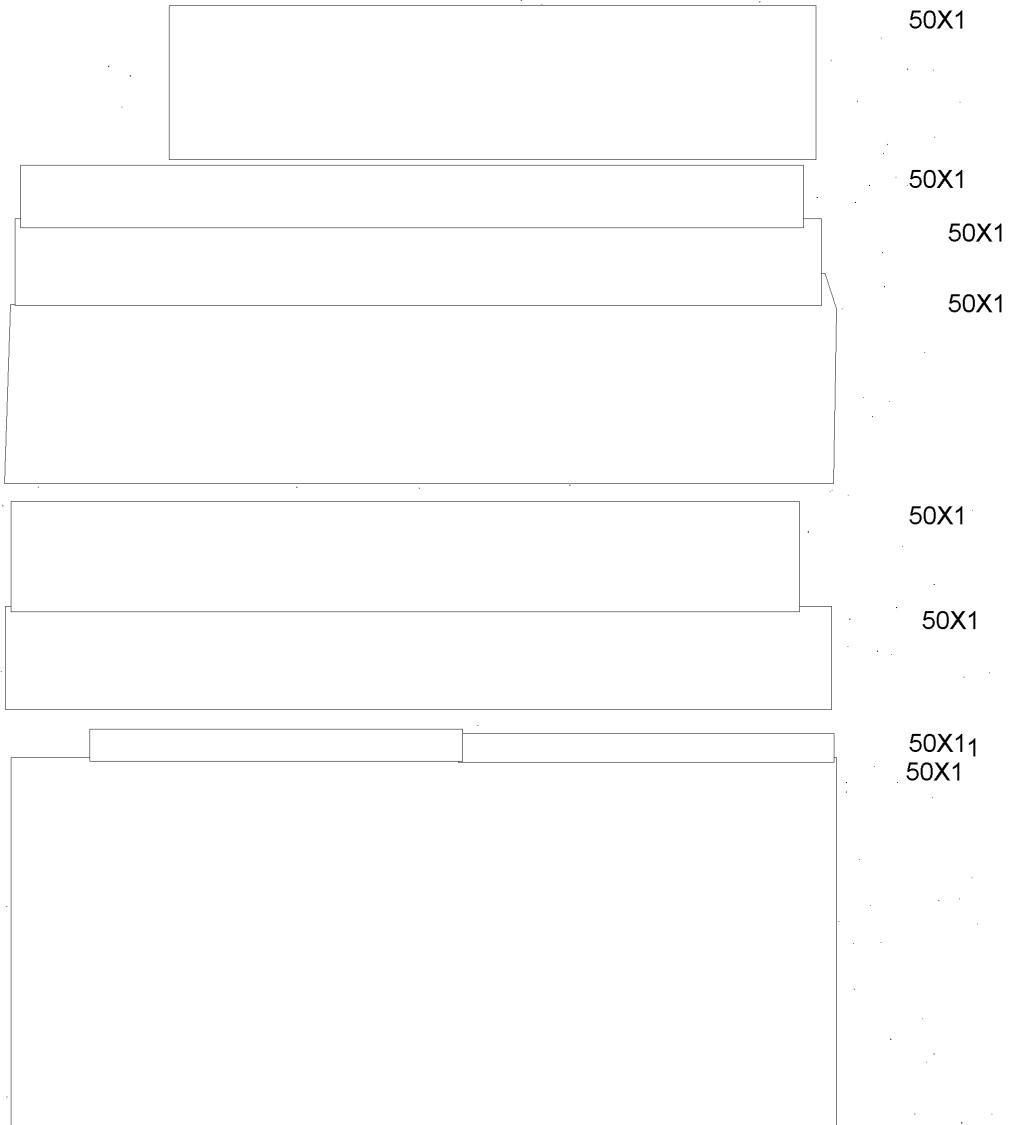
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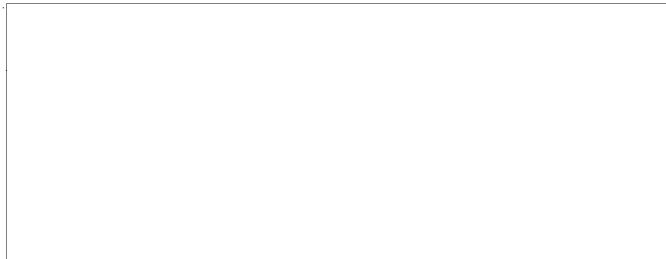
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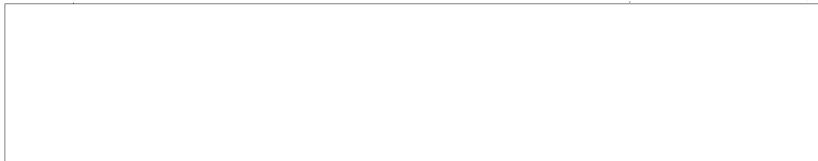
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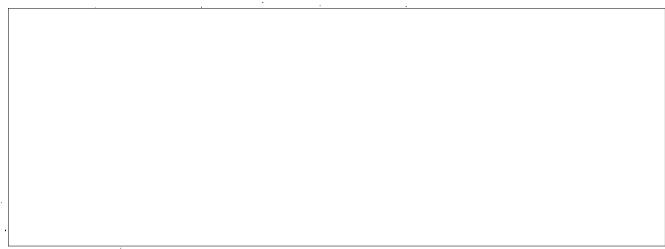
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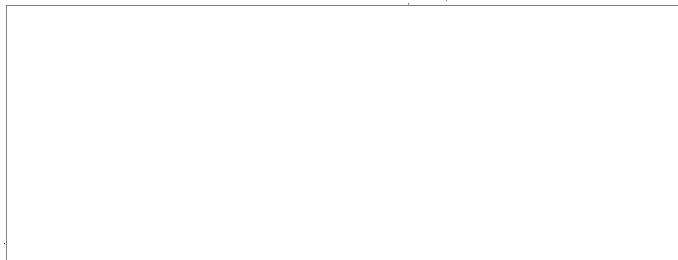
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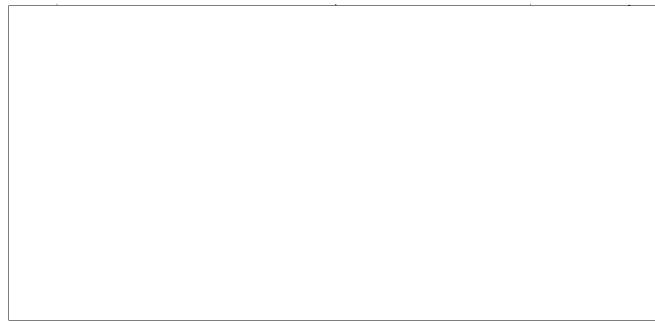
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NOTE

USSR-China-US: According to an FBI report, officials of the US Communist Party who met privately with Brezhnev at the Soviet party congress say the Soviet leadership refuses to believe that Washington's China policy was not aimed at putting pressure on Moscow. The conversation took place shortly after Peking extended its invitation to the US table tennis team. Soviet diplomats have recently become more open in their criticism of US moves toward China, which Moscow sees as undermining its efforts to isolate Peking. In its propaganda on "ping-pong diplomacy" Moscow has stated that attempts to intimidate the USSR "are doomed to failure."

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